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The President's Message

By Francis L. Christensen



Whither Are We Headed?

*Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates and men decay.
Princes and lords may flourish, or may fade,
A breath can make them, as a breath has made;
But a bold peasantry, their country's pride,
When once destroyed, can never be supplied.*

—Goldsmith

FOR the past forty years we have been in the process of being "destroyed."

Cunningly, systematically, with relentless persistence our sense of values has been warped and perverted.

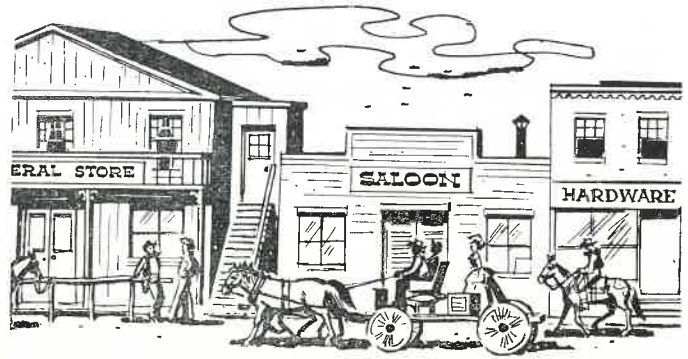
In the dreaming, the planning, the thinking of common folks, "venture" has been supplanted with "security," anticipation is dulled with promise of ease, responsibility is cheapened or excused with envy; the "square," one time symbol of honesty, and truth includes only the dullard and the simpleton.

In the classroom, the teaching profession and the home "discipline" has become a dirty word. Phonics the foundation of reading for the many is ignored, speed reading, the privilege of the few is lauded, many, unable to read competently become listeners only. Respect for authority will be forthcoming only when authority is maintained. Subterfuge and palliatives, being false, call forth disrespect; disrespect is the mother of disregard; disregard has become rampant.

Modern circumstance, having made money indispensable, the value, use and possession of money is so enhanced and inflated as to enslave us all in the struggle to obtain it. The accommodation of principle to the programs popularized into necessities is well-nigh universal. The question, "Can we afford it?" is supplanted with, "How can we get it?" and those in control answer, "It's yours—for free" with only a submerged mention of the nature of the delayed installments—and life is bounteous and carefree—and sinister. "Better the blessing of the poor, though I turn me empty from his door."

Irresponsibility, arson, riot, murder and war are planned and promoted. Life is cheap and there is hell to pay.

It would seem that the principles and practices which built our economy, might still be profitably employed.



The Challenge

LET US be challenged by the heights to which men like ourselves can rise, says Paul Speicher as a reminder to those whose spirits are downcast by the trend of world affairs. Let us be proud, he admonishes, of the fact that we are human beings, and that we contain within ourselves resources of strength and power great enough to enable us to climb far and high. I know that there is much disillusionment, much discouragement, much temptation to take the easy way, the short cut, to do the expedient rather than the right. But we are men—and because we are men, we can rise above the dull level of yielding. It is not what destiny does with us, but what we do with destiny that determines what we shall become. When a man is determined, what can stop him,

Cripple him, and you have a Sir Walter Scott :: Put him in a prison cell, and you have a John Bunyan :: Bury him in the snows of Valley Forge, and you have a George Washington :: Have him born in abject poverty, and you have a Lincoln :: Load him with bitter racial prejudice, and you have a Disraeli :: Stab him with rheumatic pains until for years he cannot sleep without an opiate, and you have a Steinmetz :: Put him in the grease pit of a locomotive roundhouse, you have a Walter P. Chrysler :: Make him second fiddler in an obscure South American orchestra, and you have a Toscanini.

Let life challenge you, and be confident in your reply. For you are a man, and the hardships of life are sent you, not by an unkind destiny to crush you, but to challenge you. Our humanity is not our weakness, but our strength. Despite much of the artificiality of life around us, the two greatest words in the English language still are, "I can!"

—Sunshine Magazine

Plodders

THE late Justice Cardozo once said that he was an example of "plodding mediocrity." He meant that he was an ordinary person, and that such progress as he had made was the result of being on the job every day.

This accounts for nearly all success. The best jobs and the largest fortunes are in the possession of ordinary people. Nearly everyone who will buckle down to hard work where he can make a fair success of life.

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Challenge To Sons of Pioneers

THE LAST PERSON who crossed the plains with the Mormon Pioneers prior to the coming of the railroad has gone from this life. Mrs. Hilda Anderson Erickson, who died early this year, followed closely after the days of forced winter marches, of burning homes and desecrated temples, of lonely graves on the prairie and of hungry children crying for bread.

Another generation, to whom these trials are but words of history is now living in the lap of luxury, as compared to the days of their pioneer forebears. Yet it has its problems. Never was there a greater need for religion. Seldom if ever have men and women been more abjectly destitute of the principles of Christianity applied to living. The Sons and Daughters of the Mormon Pioneers are best prepared to live and act so "that faith might be increased in the earth."

Now, as never before The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is endeavoring to meet this challenge and this opportunity. It has ever had but one purpose, and now, under able and inspired leadership, it is pursuing that purpose more vigorously than at any time in its history.

The objective is to bring men and women to a knowledge of the eternal truth that Jesus Christ is the Savior and Redeemer of the world, and to a realization that only through the cultivation of faith which actively manifests itself in good works, can men and nations enjoy peace.

Pioneers As "Brothers' Keeper"

THE HEBREW tradition of being "thy brother's keeper," was seen in practice by early visitors to Utah. Phil Robinson put it well when he wrote, that:

"Traveling through the settlements, I found that every one voluntarily considered his poorer neighbors as a charge upon himself. When a man arrives there, a stranger and penniless, one helps to get together logs for his first hut, another to break up a plot of ground.

"A third lends him his wagon to draw some firewood from the canyon or hill-side; a fourth gives up some of his time to show him how to bring water on to his ground—and so on through all the first requirements of the forlorn new-comer.

"Behind them all, meanwhile is the Church, in the person of the presiding elder of the settlement, who makes him such advances as are considered necessary. It is a wonderful system, and as pathetic, to my mind, as any struggle for existence that I have ever witnessed.

*Saints and Sinners, Boston, 1883).

Faith Of The Handcart Pioneers

THE NEED for increased population in the new territory of Deseret in the 1850's was matched by the eagerness of converts to "gather in Zion." The organization of the handcart companies was an off-shoot of this zeal. If the Prophet Brigham said "walk and push your way to the 'Promised Valley,'" walk and push it was—no questions asked.

The toil, sacrifices and devotions of the Mormon handcart companies is oftentimes overlooked in our Pioneer Days celebrations. They were indeed the strongest of the strong, the bravest of the brave and the most faithful of the faithful. All human desires for new experience, for security and recognition found expression in this journey. Even their song, "The Camp of Israel" extolled the novelty of handcart travel."

"All our faith goes with the handcarts,
And they have our heart's best love;
'Tis the novel mode of traveling,
Devised by gods above!"

On September 30, 1855, President Young announced the plan of walking across the prairies with handcarts:

"... We cannot afford to purchase wagons and teams as in time past. I am consequently thrown back upon my old plan — to make handcarts and let the emigration foot it, and draw upon them the necessary supplies, having a cow or two for every ten. They can come just as quick if not quicker, and much cheaper — can start earlier and escape the prevailing sickness which annually lays so many of our brethren in the dust.

A great majority of them walk now even with the teams which are provided, and have a great deal more care and perplexity than they would have if they came without them. They will only need ninety days ration from the time of their leaving the Missouri River and as the settlements extend up the Platte, not that much. The carts can be made without a particle of iron, with wheels hooped, made strong and light, and one, or if the family be large, two of them will bring all that they will need upon the plains."

To each hundred were allotted five tents, twenty handcarts, and one wagon drawn by three yoke of oxen. Tents and general supplies were stowed in the wagons, but each family carried its own rations and its quota of the sick and helpless in the handcart, while the women and children, from the toddlers to the aged, walked the weary trail from Winter Quarters on the Missouri River to the valley of the Great Salt Lake.

SUP Elects 1968-69 Officers**Encampment Delegates Name Ray Knell**

*By Les Goates
Editor "The Pioneer"*

Tribute and memorial to the Beehive State's first settlers, presentation of awards and election of 1968-69 officers, highlighted the 31st annual encampment of the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers held in Salt Lake City, Aug 23-24.

It was announced that the convention next year will be held in Ogden, in collaboration with the Golden Spike Centennial Celebration.

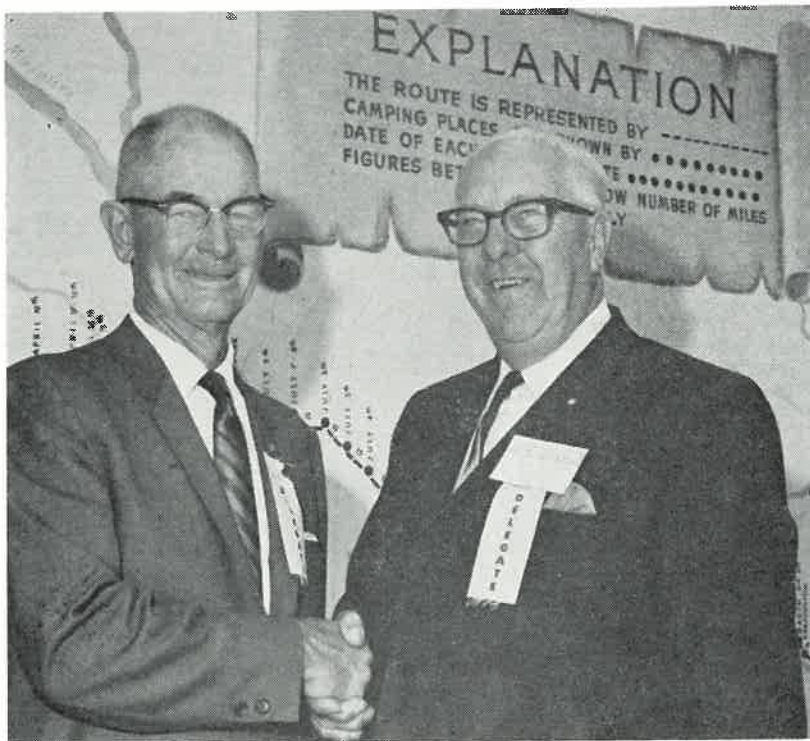
The recent convocation had its headquarters at Pioneer Village, 2998 Conner Street and special entertainment events were held at the Temple View Outdoor Theater ("Promised Valley"), The Visitors' Center on Temple Square, the Horace A. Sorensen Gardens and the Crystal Heights Ward Cultural Hall.

Ray Knell, Cedar City motel operator and civic leader was named SUP president for 1968-69. A member of the National Board, he succeeds Francis L. Christensen of Brigham City who remains on the board as immediate past president.

Vice Presidents Named

Vice presidents representing the regions of the society were elected as follows: Lorenzo P. Hansen, Logan; Harold B. Felt, Brigham City; Gerald M. Waterfall, Ogden; Jay B. Horrocks, Salt Lake City; E. Morton Hill, East Mill Creek-Holladay; Verl G. Dixon, Provo and Archie D. Wallis, St. George. Elected to a five-year term on the Life Membership Committee was J. Rulon Morgan, Provo, former national president.

The George Albert Smith Chapter of Provo was acclaimed the outstanding chapter of the year.



—Photo Briggs Photography

FORMER PRESIDENT AND NEW PRESIDENT: *Francis L. Christensen, left, Brigham City, retiring president, congratulates Ray Knell of Cedar City, upon his election as president of the National Sons of the Utah Pioneers.*

It doubled its membership during 1968. This group hosted the 1967 encampment.

Acclaimed outstanding SUP couple of the year is Lorenzo B. Summerhays and Arleine Hillstead Summerhays, Salt Lake City. Outstanding member is Melvin E. Allen, Layton. Results of the balloting were announced at the President's Banquet held Saturday evening in the Crystal Heights Ward, 1970 East Stratford Ave.

Portraits Presented

Feature event of the banquet was the presentation to Horace

and Ethel Sorensen by President Christensen and Milton V. Backman, encampment chairman, of oil portraits of these renowned and esteemed founders and sponsors of Pioneer Village, the art to be displayed at the museum. Other program events were a narrative of the life of Dr. Edward Rich, 100, oldest SUP member by his grand-nephew Lothaire L. Rich of the East Mill Sreek Chapter, and a musical program by Tom and Norma Pike and their vocal group.

See **ENCAMPMENT**, next page

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SUP HONORS THE SORENSENS: Milton V. Backman, left, and Francis L. Christensen, SUP past presidents, display oil painting of Horace and Ethel Sorensen, founders and sponsors of Pioneer

Village, which was presented to the couple by the SUP at the encampment. The art will be on display at Pioneer Village.

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NEWLY-ELECTED SUP VICE PRESIDENTS: The Salt Lake Encampment delegates elected the following regional vice presidents, left to right: Archie Wallis, St. George Region; Gerald Waterfall, Ogden Region; Jay B. Horracks, Salt Lake Region North; Harold B. Felt, Brigham City; J.

Rulon Morgan, member Life Membership Committee; E. Morton Hill, East Mill Creek, Salt Lake Region South. Mayor Viril Dixon of Provo, and Lorenzo Hanson, Logan, absent when picture was taken.

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The Power of a Pioneer Hymn

"O Ye Mountains High"

WHEN THIS FAVORITE Mormon pioneer hymn was first published, in 1856, it instantly took its place among the most popular hymns of the Church, and within two years it played a leading part in one of the dramatic moments of Church history.



When Johnston's army was in Echo Canyon, enroute to Salt Lake City, a Peace Commission from the federal government was being received at Church headquarters. In a tense public meeting on June 11, 1858, the Commissioners presented their message. Brigham Young responded and the outlook for peace seemed favorable. Edward W. Tullidge, in his History of Salt Lake City, tells what followed:

A well-known character, Porter Rockwell, was seen to enter, approach ex-Governor Young and whisper to him. There was at once a sensation, for it was appreciated that this messenger from the Mormon Army brought some unexpected and urgent news. Brigham arose, his manner self-possessed but severe: "Gov. Powell, are you aware sir, that those troops are on the move toward the city?"

"It cannot be," exclaimed Powell in surprise, "for we were promised by the general that they should not move till after this meeting."

"I have received a dispatch that they are now on the march. My messenger would not deceive me."

It was like a thunderclap to the Peace Commissioners; they could offer no explanation.

"Is Brother Dunbar present?" inquired Brigham.

"Yes, sir," responded the one called. What was coming now?

"Brother Dunbar, sing 'Dear Zion'."

The Scotch songster came forward and sang, "O Ye Mountains High."

The song deeply impressed the Peace Commissioners, and after several stormy sessions a peaceful solution of the war was agreed upon. The Army passed through Salt Lake City, rested temporarily on the west banks of the Jordan River, and then established Camp Floyd on the west side of Utah Lake.

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A variety show was presented by Stan Farnsworth and Stan Russon Saturday afternoon in the Crystal Heights Hall, featuring The Three Dons, instrumental group, Silas Lobato, Carlo Arroyo and Rolando Lopez; Allyson Denzley, dancer and Esther Jane Peterson and Sally Peterson, vocalist and accompanist.

Story Winners

Pioneer story contest winners were announced by James E. Miller of Brigham, story contest chairman, as follows: First prize, Olive N. Petersen, Brigham City for story entitled, "Starving Out;" second prize, Catherine M. Jaggi, Brigham City for "Jamica Ginger," and third prize to Rhoda M. Wood, Cedar City for "The First Artisan Well." These stories will be published in "The Pioneer."

Eugene P. Watkins, chairman of the SUP campaign to raise \$18,000 for the construction of a Mormon Battalion Monument at San Diego's 200 anniversary celebration, gave a brief talk in behalf of the drive; Ronald Kingsbury, auditor, reported on the finances of Pioneer Village and the Corinne Railroad Museum, and Treasurer Lorenzo Summerhays gave the financial report of the SUP organization.

The Women's auxiliary of the Mormon Battalion came in for "the good word" for the artistic motif of the table decorations.

Encampment recorder and business manager was T. Mack Wolley, executive secretary. Hoyt Brewster was program chairman.

The National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers now has 23 chapters in Utah and California, and approximately 1250 members, reported Everett Call, chairman of the New Chapters Committee, who was active in the establishment of three new chapters at Bountiful, Kanab, and Sacramento.

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Mormon Battalion Monument Goal:

Campaign Director Urges Support

By Eugene P. Watkins

Director Mormon Battalion Monument Project

"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it." These words are just as true and meaningful today as when first spoken by the great philosopher, Ralph Waldo Emerson.

The National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers has pledged itself to raise \$18,000.00 to build a fitting monument to the Mormon Battalion. Our goal is not only to raise the amount needed, but to be able to report every member of our great organization made a contribution.



Eugene P. Watkins

We sing praises to our Pioneers. We read and listen to addresses eulogizing our noble ancestors. We celebrate Pioneer Day with all of the pomp and ceremony we are able to engender. These activities are all fitting and beautiful, but what do we do to provide evidences of achievement that our descendants will have to remind them that those who preceded their generation honored our pioneers with more than just the spoken word.

Actions speak louder than words. The officers of your National Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers urge all members who have not already made their contribution to do so immediately. Complete the pledge card mailed to you on "Pioneer Day," July 24th, and return immediately.

"Why should we think to earn a great reward if we now shun the fight? Gird up your loins, fresh courage take."

That which has no price has no value. Increase your esteem of our noble pioneers by joining your fellow Sons of the Utah Pioneers in making a contribution to help build a Mormon Battalion Monument to be erected at San Diego, California. Help us to reach the goal, "Every member a contributor."



Marion E. Allen
... wins highest honor

Marion Allen 'SUP Of 1968'

Highest individual honors of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers has to offer a member was won by Marion E. Allen, Life Member No. 23 of the Buena Ventura Chapter when the Layton businessman and civic leader was named "SUP Of The Year" at the annual convention of the society held August 23-24.

He has been secretary, treasurer, vice president and president of the chapter. Active in scouting, he has won practically all the honors there are to win this activity and has been a boys' leaders for many years.

Mr. Allen has won wide renown for his collection of antique furniture and for building miniature railroad engines. His engines have won numerous awards. He has been active in the Church practically all his life and has held many high positions.

The New 'All Faces West'

The Ogden Pioneer Days Committee merits the laurel sprig of the month for its presentation of "All Faces West," revised and moved to a new setting.

The show, like Salt Lake's "Promised Valley" has been cut to one hour and moved from the outdoor amphitheatre to the new Ogden Tabernacle. The show however, wasn't quite the same without the great Igor Gorin, who

Pioneer Chapter Success

The Pioneer Chapter with Richard W. Young as the new president, did its customary successful job with the annual Sunrise Service at Lindsay Gardens on Pioneer Day. The SUP Mormon Battalion, as is the tradition, conducted the flag raising ceremonies.

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A Tribute To Joseph S. Bennion

Words last only as long as it takes to utter them but deeds, such as those performed by Joseph S. Bennion, throughout his rich and abundant life, will endure forever in the preciousness of memory. Joseph, our beloved Mormon Battalion chaplain for so many years, died recently at the age of 81, following a long illness.

Joseph Samuel Bennion was the humblest of the humble, the kindness of the kind, the most devoted of the devoted. He was a Christian gentleman without guile. It is altogether likely that nobody ever said an unkind word about Joseph. He never had an enemy in this life.

Battalion trekkers will always remember Chaplain Bennion on the 1947 Centennial Trek. He was the commissary officer and his consideration and concern for members of the camp was most solicitous. Up every morning at 4 o'clock, he set the good example for all the other camp officials and members on how to carry out their duties cheerfully and efficiently.

His kindly, gentle spirit was radiated around about him wherever he worked and especially when he prayed. As patriarch at various times in four different stakes, his prayers seemed to penetrate the hearts of all who heard him. It was just like he was talking directly to the Father.

The Mormon Battalion and all the Sons of the Utah Pioneers will miss him. There is nobody left among us who can take his place.

—Harold H. Jenson
National SUP Historian

Brigham's Wise Counsel To Church

In reading Preston Nibley's excellent book, "Brigham Young, The Man and His Works," I was impressed with this profound statement that should be helpful to those who seem to want that the Church be governed more by the people, especially by the younger men:

"... a man or woman may ask of God, and get a witness and testimony from God concerning any work or messenger that is sent unto them; but if a person ask for a thing that does not concern him, such as governing the Church, inquiring concerning the duty of a presiding elder, what the Prophet or Twelve ought to do, he will NOT get an answer; if he does it will not be from God."

(Brigham Young, The Millennial Star, Vol. 26, p. 262)

This is typical of the common sense and inspired leadership of the great Mormon colonizer and prophet. He always stressed that the Church is governed by God through his prophets. If the recalcitrants who agitate that the Church change its doctrines; or that it turn over the leadership to younger men; or are looking for a church with a democratic theology, there are several so-called modern, progressive and revamped man-made churches that will gladly accept their applications for membership.

—Dean K. Lyman
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Couple of the Month

Summerhays' Tops For '68

In recognition of their many services to the Sons of the Utah Pioneers during 1968 and over the many years, Lorenzo B. and Arleine H. Summerhays were acclaimed "SUP Couple of the Year" at the recent encampment. Lorenzo is SUP treasurer and former national president and Arleine has been his right bower and general assistant in their bookkeeping assignments.

Lorenzo is a son of Joseph William and Sarah Berrett Summerhays. "Ren," as he is familiarly called, was born and reared in Forest Dale, a suburb of Salt Lake City, of which his father was the first mayor. Lorenzo's wife, Arleine, was born and lived in the Salt Lake City Tenth Ward. Her parents were Joseph and Sarah Symons Hillstead. The latter was the daughter of Charles W. Symons, the pioneer photographer.

Lorenzo and Arleine attended the Latter-day Saints High School which has such fond memories for many of the older generation. Here they were active in the school quartets and the choir. Lorenzo played the cornet in the school band and Arleine was a member of the chorus in the famous Emma Lucy Gates Opera Company with which she toured throughout the state. Arleine also played minor roles in the school dramas. As far as he knows, Lorenzo is the only student of this school who obtained three graduation diplomas in four years which included the bookkeeping and stenographic diplomas from the Business College Department.

"Love At First Sight"

Lorenzo recalls that as he walked into the old Barratt Hall to attend the choir practice he saw Arleine already in her seat and in his mind he said, "There is my girl." During the high school years their romance developed and they were married in the Salt Lake Temple on June 12, 1918. They bought a house in Wasatch Ward, Granite Stake and immediately Bishop Marvin O. Ashton, who



SUP COUPLE OF THE YEAR: Lorenzo B. and Arleine H. Summerhays were acclaimed the "Outstanding Couple of 1968" by the Sons of the Utah Pioneers at the Salt Lake Encampment. Lorenzo, Life Member No. 41, former national president and presently the secretary, is a member of the Sugar House Chapter. His companion, at home and at their CPA office, has been "Ren's" devoted co-worker for SUP for all their years of membership.

later became a member of the Presiding Bishopric, called Lorenzo to be the Ward Clerk and Arleine became active in the various organizations of the ward. Both have constantly served in various ward and stake capacities since.

In the year 1925 they went to Washington, D.C. where Lorenzo attended Southeastern University and obtained a Bachelor of Commercial Science degree in accounting. After graduation they moved to Chicago where Lorenzo was an internal revenue agent. In 1928 they moved back to Salt Lake City where they lived in the Ensign Ward for a short time and then moved back to the Wasatch Ward. Lorenzo became a certified public accountant and started his own practice which he has maintained up to the present time and in which both he and Arleine are still active.

In 1960 they built a new house in East Mill Creek where they now reside.

Golden Wedding Anniversary

Two months ago they celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with a family gathering for

which their daughter Renee (Mrs. Eldon J. Baily) of Orem) and their six grandchildren planned and carried out all of the activities.

When the National Society of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers was revived in 1945, Lorenzo became a charter member of the Sugar House chapter in which he held practically every position as an officer and became president. He was called to act in the various offices of the society and was elected president for the year 1963-64. During this time, together with Executive Secretary T. Mack Woolley, he visited and addressed most of the chapters, including the Los Angeles Chapter. The only out-of-state encampment of the National Society was held in Los Angeles during his presidency.

Lorenzo and Arleine have both been devoted to the causes of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers and have given their time and energy to its activities. Perhaps the most important of these was the 1963 Mormon Battalion trek to Tucson, Arizona to participate in the "Parade de la Fiesta de los Vaqueros."

Entire Ft. Douglas Area As Vast Cultural Center

By Chad Peirce

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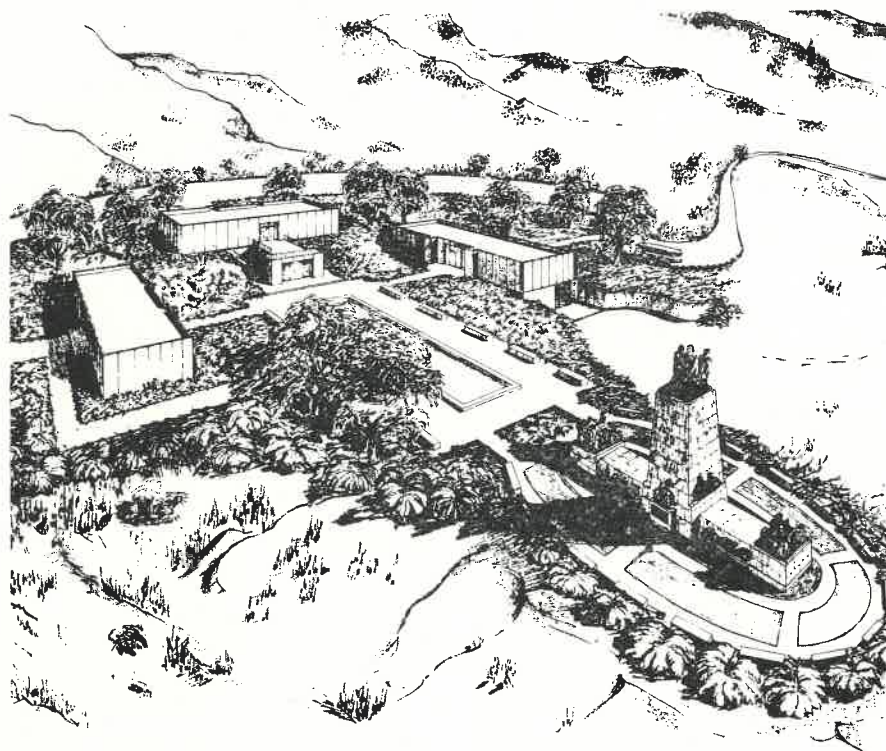
ON July 24, 1847 Brigham Young and the Mormon Pioneers completed their historic and memorable trek of a thousand miles from the Missouri River to the Valley of Great Salt Lake. One hundred years later, a dramatic portrayal in granite and bronze was unveiled depicting the moment when Brigham Young uttered the words: 'It is enough. This is the right place. Drive on.'

Prior to 1947 a Monument Commission, comprised of several representatives from different religious organizations, had been organized to help supervise the actual design of the monument and to plan the development and of the surrounding area. These men had envisioned a great park and began to negotiate with land owners to secure 570 acres surrounding the monument.

However, the momentum of the project soon fizzled and approximately three years later, on March 25, 1950, Wagner Improvement Company recorded a parcel of land just behind the monument known as Oak Hill Plat A. Careful planning ensued with zoning ordinances to provide for shopping centers, buffer zones, a golf course a recreation center, and attractive streets.

The Condemnation

After one year of construction had passed, the Legislature finally passed a law to allow the condemnation of 177 acres including Oak Hills Plat A 'in order to preserve the historical significance of the monument and the natural beauty surrounding the area.' Three homes, each valued at approximately \$60,000, were



Proposed 'This Is The Place' Ft. Douglas Complex

condemned and sold at auction by the state. A recreation area consisting of an ice skating pond, a nine-hole pitch-and-putt golf course with floodlights, and a small lodge was also turned over to state hands. The total bill cost the taxpayers \$1,350,000.

Since the condemnation of the land 15 years ago, little if anything has been done to improve the condemned area. The remains of the moving process of the three homes still clutter the grounds as historic remembrance of the condemnation. In ironic terms it might be said that it cost the taxpayers of Utah \$1.3 million dollars to condemn an elegant residential district in order to fence off a junkyard. Thus, with a background of the history of the park and a description of its present outlook, it is fitting to forecast the future of the area with some proposals of progress.

A Focus of Culture

Presently the Fort Douglas Military Reservation is being abandoned, leaving a vast area of unoccupied land for University ex-

pansion. It is also likely that the State Park Department will secure a segment of the land north of the monument and extending west to Wasatch Boulevard. With the University of Utah adjacent to "This Is The Place" Monument Park and Hogle Zoo, the entire side of the mountain could evolve into a cultural center of Salt Lake.

Relocation and Expansion of Pioneer Village

Deep within the walls of sub-residential homes and shopping centers, lies a Pioneer Village (near 2700 South and 2100 East). This setting is hardly appropriate for such a unique village. Probably the most exciting idea for the park is the relocation of this village to the park site. Rows of trees would serve as a transition as

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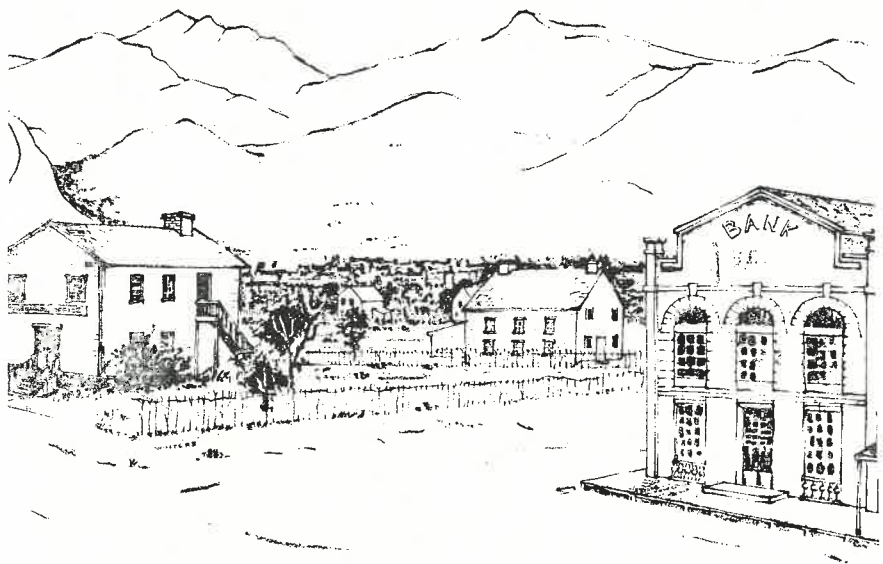
Pioneer Village

Vast Pioneer Park Plotted

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tourists step out of their classy 300 horsepower autos into the realm of the 2 ox-powered covered wagon. Time would unfold into Utah's past as the visitor turns his back on the 20th Century and walks into a country town of 100 years ago. A living, authentic atmosphere would exist. An old-time eatin' house could be built with all the trimmings—waitresses dressed in pioneer outfits, homemade pies and breads served, and tables lit by old-fashioned dipped candles. A rustic boarding house would allow visitors to stay overnight in the atmosphere of an old western town. A trading post would belight tourists with souvenirs of pioneer and Indian legend. Square dancing would be held on the main street on special occasions followed by storytelling and community singing by a campfire. Stagecoaches and covered wagons would leave the Wells Fargo office regularly transporting tourists on a route route past the monument and then along the mountain-side past a cluster of Indian teepees, a partially burnt cabin, abandoned hand carts, a circle of covered wagons, roadside graves, and other interesting relics relating to the saga of Utah history. Festive programs featuring Ute Indians, the real pioneers of our state, with their snake dances, medicine dances, Indian magic, and their art of colored sand painting would be held on holidays such as Memorial Day, the 4th of July, and Labor Day.

The park would likewise be an ideal place for the erection of a museum to house additional antiques and possibly a hall of fame in honor of outstanding Utahns



Artist's Conception of Pioneer Village Relocated.

who have contributed to the birth and rearing of the Beehive State.

The Financial Problem and Hopeful Solution

Such a vast proposal for improvement can only be accompanied by a vast problem concerning finances. Basically, there are two ways to acquire the capital necessary for improvement: (1) through state or government funds and (2) through private enterprise. Acquiring money from the state has proven to be a long, tedious process. The State Park Department has many other obligations to consider, and with the \$1,350,000 required to condemn the area, legislators would probably feel the park has drained more than its share of the state budget for some time to come. If present conditions persist, the park is likely to remain in its dormant state until Brigham is resurrected.

The alternate proposal is to lease the land to a trusteeship comprised of private enterprise and closely controlled by contract to insure that the park will not be degraded. Other communities have

already successfully attempted this method. Old Sturbridge Village, a reconstructed colonial town in Massachusetts, is a typical example. Williamsburg, Virginia (another colonial town) and Greenfield Village, Michigan (a river-boat town) are also similar in background. In this same way, the city and state fathers of Utah could carry out their proposals and still maintain the dignity of the park as a pioneer heritage.

In any case, the latent potential is there waiting to be tapped. Once this park is finished, the community could share its pioneer heritage with pride and could truly boast of having one of the finest park in all the West.

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First Prize SUP Pioneer Story

Starving It Out In Long Valley

Presented by Olive M. Petersen

"Long Valley, Idaho!" Father exclaimed in amazement. "Why should we want to go there?"

Although I was only eight years old at the time I could see the shocked surprise on my parents' faces as they listened to Grandpa's recital of why he wanted us to leave Oregon and make the long trip to Idaho.

"They say it's wonderful cattle country," Grandpa explained patiently.

"The Prescotts are going and we could travel along with them. We can file on a quarter-section of government land. Bert Prescott says the soil is rich, bunch grass is knee high, the Payette River runs the length of the valley so there's plenty of water, and the hills are covered with wonderful timber."

"But we only settled here," mother argued. "Our crops are all planted and we just couldn't leave them now."

"You're right, Emma," father said. "By fall we'll know more about Long Valley and maybe we can go then."

Father had become discouraged with our worn-out land in Missouri and in November, 1879, had gone west to try to better our financial condition. He rented a house and came for mother and us children.

Mother's parents came along with us. I guess mother was glad for help because it couldn't have been an easy job for a lone woman to travel across the country in 1888 with five children ranging from two to ten years of age. Two families of Prescotts, a family named Barnes, and my grandparents started for Idaho in June with four covered wagons and a considerable bunch of cattle.

They built cabins for themselves and one for grandpa. They were happy and why not? The climate was wonderful and each man filed on 160 acres of rich government land. Grandpa wrote glowing accounts of the valley. Mother and father decided to join them in the fall. Father hired a man to haul us to Long Valley. We had not furniture, only personal belongings,

bedding, dishes and small household items.

Fire For Heat And Light

We bought groceries and flour at Salubria, which was the last city before reaching the valley. After a week of jolting over rocky roads and fording innumerable streams, we arrived safely at Grandpa's little cabin. There was no heat in the house but grandpa had collected stones to build a fireplace. Father placed them, then used small poles heavily daubed with mud to finish. The fireplace was a roaring success. It warmed the cabin, gave us light at night, and mother and grandma cooked our food over it.

We were all well and I think quite happy. I'm sure we children were. The winter was ideal, five or six inches of snow. The Prescotts were jubilant because their cattle "rustled" for a living the entire winter.

Timber was near and plentiful and father was a good woodsman. He cut pine trees, then hewed the logs to make a house for ourselves and one for Mr. Prescott. Mr. Prescott hauled the logs. The neighbors helped each other "raise" the logs and lay the shakes.

We felt quite rich when we moved into our new house. It was thirty-two feet long and sixteen feet wide with a door in one end and a window.

Frozen Earth For Floor

Father bought a cook stove from some people who were leaving the valley. Our other furniture consisted of beds, or rather bunks made from poles, a tagle to split slabs and chairs made from lengths of logs sawed at the proper height. Our floor was the frozen earth but we were happy until the ground began to thaw. Then we were stranded.

"Billy," wailed another, "what in the world are we going to do? Just wade in the mud?"

"Take it easy Emma; I'll fix it," father told her, and he did by splitting short lengths of logs and placing them where needed to move from place to place. We

youngsters had great fun jumping from log to log; sometimes we failed to connect but mother was blessed with a good sense of humor and wasn't hard on us. By spring we now had an excellent dirt floor, level, smooth, tramped and tramped hard.

Mr. Prescott came and plowed some ground for us. Mother made a garden and father planted a small patch of oats. Friends of the family came from the East; and as ours was the largest house, they stayed with us until their house was ready to occupy. Father was fortunate to get work with a group of surveyors and earned enough money to buy winter clothes and provisions.

It Snowed And Snowed

There was a small sawmill about 15 miles south and father got enough unplanned boards, one inch by 12 inches, to floor ours and grandpa's houses, and make bedsteads, table and benches for us to sit on. The rough boards were impossible to clean but during the winter father smoothed them with a small hand plane.

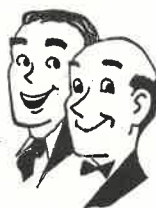
Everyone was surprised and distressed by the amount of snow that fell early that fall. It snowed and snowed and still it snowed. It piled up three and four feet on the prairie and drifts two and three times that high around the house and on the hillsides. Father made skis for us. We youngsters loved snow and had the time of our lives.

Mother didn't glide on her skis—she walked—but did manage to go to grandpa's a few times during the winter. I was 10 years of age and the go-between. Seldom a day passed that I didn't go to see them. I adored grandma and today she is still my "most unforgettable character." I know she wouldn't have won any beauty contests. She was tall and not an ounce of fat on her body. She always wore a cap or a bandana hankchief, preferably red, over her head and tied under her chin. But she had the merriest brown eyes and an ever ready smile, and I loved her dearly.

I never went there that she (see *Starving it Out*, next page)



SUP PROFILES



P. LeRoy Nelson

The "gay nineties" had just barely poked their smiling faces over the threshold of time by a few days to usher in a new era when Peter LeRoy Nelson was



Mr. Nelson

born January 27, 1890, in a small farming community then known as Mormonville, later changed to Palmyra, about four miles west of Spanish Fork, Utah. He was the son of Peter Ekelund Nelson and Annie Talula Crismon.

He was oldest of a family of ten children. He attended day school and Primary in the little one-room red brick school building there. His grandparents on both sides were early pioneers. He was taught in his home, the value of prayer, particularly in blessing the food and evening family prayers and the benefit of attending church.

He graduated from the Brigham Young University, obtaining his high school and normal diplomas and then three years later received his B.A. degree from the University of Utah. He then served 26 months, as a missionary in Ireland. Upon his return, he taught school for a few years, the last one as principal of the Big Horn Academy at Cowley, Wyo.; then on to college again from which he received his LL.B. law degree from the University of Utah in 1924.

Then with his wife, Pearl Olive Laub and their four small children, he came to Ogden, Utah, and opened his office for practice of law in the Eccles Building and is still actively engaged in his profession in the same building.

He has served in many capacities in his Church, as president of his deacon quorum, ward teacher, quorum teacher, Sunday School

teacher, member of the stake Sunday School board, home missionary, and when he was ordained a Seventy, President Hart said he was the youngest person, at that time, to be so ordained. At present he is a high priest. He took an active part in the Liberty Loan drives during World War I, making many speeches for the same and was awarded a medal as a result of his efforts.

He has also been active in fraternal organizations in connection with the Moose and the Woodmen of the World Societies, serving as presiding officer of each Ogden Lodge and was also a member of the Head Camp of the Woodmen of the World at Denver, Colo. He has also been an active member of the Sons of Utah Pioneers. He was a major in the Mormon Battalion as well. He drew up a constitution for the Sons of Utah Pioneers and served as judge advocate for four terms; also as vice president and edited the Pioneer Magazine for a term and served as chairman of the Pioneer Story Contest and served on other committees.

He has always loved the mountains and especially those of his native state and from them, has drawn inspiration in the writing of poetry and has written and published a book of poems, entitled, "With the Mountains At My Back."

He has taught the Seventies quorum and the Gospel Doctrine class in the 32nd Ward for several years and still teaches the Gospel Doctrine class in that ward in Ogden.

As a hobby, he collects rocks and Indian Artifacts.

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Starving It Out

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didn't ask, "Child are you hungry?" and, if I had just got up from the table at home, she would give me a slice of salt rising bread and butter, if she had the butter.

I loved grandpa, too, but I always watched my step when he was around. I had a vivid mental picture of what happened when he caught brother Ira and me wading knee deep in his newly threshed wheat.

Snow Stops The Work

The deep snow prevented father from working in the timber though he did split some rails to protect our garden and little patch of grain from the cattle that roamed the prairie.

The winter was trying on all of us. Groceries were running low and it was impossible to buy more. "The coal oil is nearly gone," mother said one day. "We can have lamplight only when we have company."

Father would build a roaring fire in the big Bonanza heater — then open the stove door and we would sit in semi-darkness. But that wasn't bad. Father had a good tenor voice and he would sing songs that were popular in his day, such as, "When You and I Were Young Maggie," or "The Mocking Bird." Then we would all sing hymns and father and mother would tell us tales of happenings in their youth. I remember how we children enjoyed the evenings—looked forward eagerly to them.

Spring showed no signs of coming. With eight of us to feed, the situation was getting serious.

"Emma, I've been thinking," he said "of going to the Boise Valley. They'll be putting in their crops. I'll work until time to put in ours."

"I hate to think of you going, but maybe it is for the best," mother admitted. "But how will you get there?"

"Ski."

A few days later he and a neighbor, a bachelor, set out. Father made arrangements for a neighbor to lend us flour if we needed it.

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Mormon Battalion On The March

Monument Project Spearheads Summer Activities

By Col. Marvin E. Smith
Commanding Officer, Mormon
Battalion

Big Things are happening in San Diego, Calif. next year. The City is spending a multi-million dollars to restore "Old San Diego." The Mormon Battalion is



Co. Smith

invited to re-enact the entry into the city. The battalion is sponsoring a trek for the SUP to attend these exciting developments.

The SUP, under the direction of Pres. Francis L. Christensen, is raising \$18,000 for the erection of a Mormon Battalion monument in the center of the restored San Diego. Eugene P. Watkins, of the national board, has been given the challenging chairmanship of the fund-raising committee. We urge all to support this significant, commemorative and missionary projects.

All descendants of the original battalion should have the opportunity to be represented in this donation. If you are one, then make it known. If you know of any who are descendants, please forward name and address to Marvin E. Smith in care of SUP Pioneer Village, Salt Lake City.

Congratulations to the Pioneer Chapter SUP for the inspiring Sunrise Services at Lindsay Gardens on July 24. Elder Hartman Rector, Jr. of the First Council of Seventy gave an address on the theme of Love to the more than 500 attentive citizens in attendance. Richard W. Young, president, conducted.

Col. Elias L. Day led the battalion color guard and gave the

Pledge of Allegiance. Martin Pond and Charles Robbins played the National Anthem as Robert M. Smith placed the Colors.

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Other Service activities of the battalion recently include: The presentation of the colors at the opening of the Promised Valley performance on Aug. 23 when the National SUP convention was in attendance. Also the table decorations at the SUP annual banquet were artistically done by the Battalion Auxiliary, under the chairmanship of Eli A. and Fay Sorensen Day.

An Honor Guard in uniform paid their respects to Joseph S. Bennion at his funeral at Taylorsville July 20. This worthy patriarch served as chaplain to the battalion for 10 years. He was also a former chaplain for the Utah Senate. We salute his loyal wife, Zetta North Bennion for her devotion and care during his extended illness.

Those attending from the Lehi area were Virgil H. Peterson and wife, John M. Bushman and wife, Jay Cox, James Carson, and Vernon P. Curtis. From Salt Lake City were S. Richard Keddington, S. Roy Chipman, Sheldon R. Brewster and wife, and Marvin E. Smith.

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A *New Plaque* will be placed at Fairfield, Utah at 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, under the direction of Kenneth P. Rasmussen, chairman of the Landmarks Committee. All are invited to attend the brief services sponsored by the Temple Quarry SUP Chapter. Bring your lunch and enjoy it together in this historic area. The plaque honors Col. Philip St. George Cooke, commander of the Mormon Battalion during its historic 2000-mile

march to the Pacific. Cost of the plaque was shared equally by the Mormon Battalion and the Temple Quarry Chapter with Wayne Barret as president.

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Francis L. Christensen, national president of SUP and member of the MB is a leader we wish to honor for his guidance this past year. He was deeply concerned over the welfare of the SUP and conscientious about his responsibilities. Though unpretentious, he was a giant in holding to sound principles while making administrative decisions. His keen discernment made him a "sure-footed" president. We are grateful!

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Good News is the reported development in health of Mary Goodman, who underwent surgery. "Queen" Mary is currently serving as chaplain for the DUP. For many years she was in command of the Ladies Auxiliary for the MB.

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Hawaii Calls: Plan now to join the SUP-Battalion trek to Hawaii the latter part of February. Those of the Temple Quarry Chapter who just returned say that it is a "must" trip. How would you like to go by boat and return by plane with the best people in the world?

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The *Summer* meeting of Company A of the battalion was held July 19 at the delightful outdoor patio of Karl and Delsa Hale. It was marked by good attendance, good food, and friendship. Verda Chipman led the happy community singing as they watched the sun across the Great Salt Lake.

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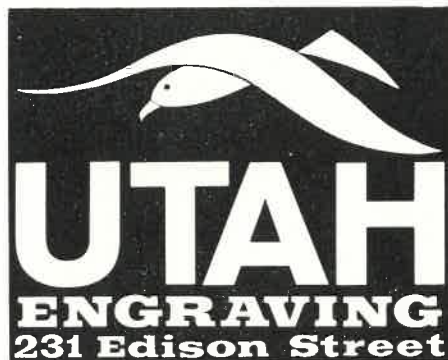
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The **FIFTH ANNUAL UTAH MUSEUM CONFERENCE** was held June 15 at Pioneer Village. Principal speakers were Gerreld Pulsipher of the Ralph Reynolds Studio and Mrs. Margaret Shepherd, curator of photographs, Utah Historical Society in the morning session, and following lunch a business meeting was held and the film "Behind the Scenes Of a Museum" was shown. Bruce Braithwaite, Springville, was elected 1969 chairman.

Shown on the photo are: Front Row — Don V. Hague, Mrs. I. W. Taylor, Margaret McGarry, H. C. Hutchings, John Hutchings, Margaret Shepherd, James Madsen. Second Row — Merrill Hamilton, I. W. Taylor, Gail Hammond, Ethel Sorensen, F. A. Ketterson, Grant Frederickson. Third Row — E. F. Sanguinetti, Mark Littman, G. Sanderson, Gerrald Pulsipher, Ralph Reynolds, Lamar Farnsworth, Bruce Braithwaite.

Teaching Children

Some words from Samuel Coleridge about the training of children:

A noted gentleman, widely known for his productive acres, sculptured gardens, and splendid young family, explained to Mr. Coleridge that he would never prejudice his children toward religion but would leave them to decide when they grew up. The noted philosopher and author replied:

"Bravo, this is a very progressive idea! Now, why do you not apply it to your fields, orchards and gardens? Do not prejudice the soil to seed, to weeding or cultivation, the trees to pruning or thinning, the gardens to bulbs or planning. Why not see if they will not just grow up and decide what they are intended to be?"



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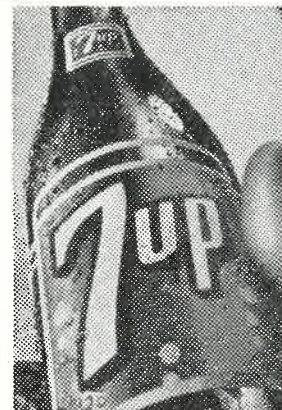
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'The Crossing of the Fathers'

Old Ute Ford Was Discovered By Escalante Party

By T. W. (Mack) Woolley

El Vado de los Padres, "The Crossing of the Fathers," is a Colorado river ford a few miles north of the Utah-Arizona boundary and fourteen miles above Glen



Can Dam. It is now inundated by Lake Powell.

On November 7, 1776 the Dominguez - Escalante expedition found this old Ute ford. The party had abandoned its plan of finding a route overland to Mon-

T. W. Woolley terey, California. This ford had doubtless been known to the Indians for many years but the Spanish party was the first Europeans to negotiate the Colorado River.

Antoneo Armizo was the next to cross here on his expedition from New Mexico to the San Gabriel Mission in November, 1829 and again on his return with a herd of large California mules.

It was a good passable ford more than a mile in width, during low water, horses did not have to swim. In commemoration of the first crossing it became known to the Spanish as *Ed Vado de los Padres* which means "The Crossing of the Fathers."

Mantua Valley (Box Elder) is a small, roundish valley at the head of Box Elder Creek in the Wasatch Mountains east of Brigham City. The name is French, a heritage of the trapper era, 1820-1839, when French-Canadians in the employ of Hudson's Bay Company combed this region for the beaver. The word Mantua appears to be a corruption of the name of a loose cloak in fashion in the first part of the 19th century—*manteau*. *Le manteau, habit que nous portons sur les autres.*

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Marysville is a picturesque channel or narrow valley of Sevier River in northern Piute County. The vale lies at the east base of the Tushar Plateau. This front of the Tushar is arrestingly lofty and sheer and is gashed by rugged canyons. The walls of the vale in place are variegated conglomerate formations which are mineralized with precious and area elements. The Spanish Trail, following up the Sevier River, threaded this defile, and it is most likely that it was named for the Virgin Mary early in the nineteenth century.

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Marysville is a village which nestles in the vale; it has been a mining center for gold, silver, uranium, alunite, and other rare metals. Big Rock Candy Moun-

tain, north of the village, is a tourist attraction; nearby are rock and mineral collections, and there is a small zoo of recently captured fauna of the region. The village was named by extension from the vale.

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Mexican Hat (San Juan), deep in the Goosenecks of Rio San Juan, is the site of an old ferry crossing, more recently a bridge, and is a strategic outpost for travelers entering the Navajo Country from the north. A mill for processing uranium ores has been built here. The name is in reference to an eroded monolithic column rising some 200 feet above the valley floor which is surmounted by a more resistant capstone measuring sixty feet in diameter and twelve feet thick; this top rock simulates in outline the well-known Mexican sombrero.

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The name "Duchesne" is an American modification of a French sur-name, Du Chesne (du-shayne). A trapper named Du Chesne appears to have headquartered in the Uinta Basin circa 1840, and the river may have been named for him. However, Father De Smet may have been instrumental in naming the river in honor of Rose DuChesne, founder in America of the Society of the Sacred Heart, who came from a prominent French family of St. Charles, Mo.

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Chapter ^{SUP} Eternal

Joseph Samuel Bennion

Joseph Samuel Bennion, 81, Mormon Battalion chaplain from 1956 to 1966, died July 16 at his East Mill Creek residence, 3837 South 3100 East St. He was patriarch of East Mill Creek Stake and had held this same office in Cottonwood, North Jordan and Taylorsville Stakes.

A long-time resident of Taylorsville, he served as a member of the Taylorsville Ward bishopric for 19 years, including nine years as bishop. He served on a mission for the Church in Holland from 1908 to 1910 and to the Northwestern States in 1948 and 1949. He was an ordained Salt Lake Temple worker for 11 years.

In business, he owned and operated the Taylorsville Mercantile Store for 35 years.

He was born Oct. 20, 1886, in

Taylorsville, a son of Hyrum and Eliza Ann Harker Bennion. On March 26, 1908, he married Dora A. Goff in the Salt Lake Temple. She died April 26, 1921. He married Florence Belle Hamilton in the Salt Lake Temple on Nov. 23, 1921. She died June 13, 1944. Mr. Bennion married Izetta North in the Salt Lake Temple on June 21, 1945.

Survivors include his widow, a son and two daughters, Joseph Elbert, Taylorsville; Mrs. Joseph (Ruby) Rierman, Monterey, Calif.; and Mrs. Karl (Dawn) Sandberg, of Tucson, Ariz.; 16 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Frank W. (Ruby) James, Glenview, Ill.

Funeral services were held July 20 in the Taylorsville Stake Center and burial was in the Taylorsville Cemetery.

Dr. William Hyde Cowley

Dr. William Hyde Cowley, 72, well-known Salt Lake City dentist, died of a heart attack while on a fishing trip near Heber City on June 17. He was an active member of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club Chapter of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers.

A son of the late Matthias F. Cowley, and brother of the late Matthew Cowley, both of whom were members of the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Dr. Cowley was a practicing dentist of 46 years. He graduated from the former L.D.S. University and studied dentistry at the University of Maryland.

A former Middle Atlantic and Intermountain welterweight wrestling champion, Dr. Cowley served in France in World War I and was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was active in the American Dental Association and was a member of the L.D.S. Church.

He was born Oct. 22, 1895 in

Preston, Ida., son of Matthias and Abbie Hyde Cowley. June 14, 1922, he married Leone Poulton in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. She died Sept. 14, 1955. He married Mary Brown Karren, Nov. 10, 1958 in the Salt Lake Temple.

Surviving him are his widow; a son and two daughters, William Hyde Jr., Mrs. Ralph W. (Margaret) Straaberg, Mrs. Betty G. Adelt; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Max K. (Bonnie) Horton and Mrs. Jay A. (Mary Lou) Broadwater, Salt Lake City; six grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren, six step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 21 at the Larkin Mortuary and burial was in the Salt Lake City Cemetery.

David LeRoy Sargent

David LeRoy Sargent, 80, charter member of the Cedar City Chapter, Sons of Utah Pioneers, died Aug. 7 at his Cedar City home of a heart attack. He had been head of the biology department of the College of Southern Utah from 1935 until his retirement in 1955 but he continued to teach until 1960 when he and his wife were called to serve on a church mission to Hawaii. While in Hawaii he taught in the Church College of Hawaii.

Mr. Sargent was president of Parowan Stake from 1940 until 1948 and was also president and patriarch of Cedar Stake. He was a member of the Grace, Ida., Ward bishopric; Cedar City Third Ward bishopric; the Parowan High Council and the Bear Lake Stake Sunday School superintendency.

In civic affairs he was a member of Rotary International, charter member and director of the Escalante Knife & Fork Club, director Cedar City Chamber of Commerce, president Iron County Farm Bureau and member of the Spanish Trails Assn.

Mr. Sargent was a graduate of the Utah State College and attended the University of Utah and did graduate work at Michigan State. He taught in Box Elder County schools and was county agricultural agent in Bear Lake County, Idaho.

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Brewster Named To Medical Post

Hoyt W. Brewster, president of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club Chapter, SUP, has been named executive secretary of the Utah State Medical Association and the Salt Lake County Medical Society, succeeding Harold Bowman who took another executive appointment.

Mr. Brewster has been assistant executive secretary of both organizations for a number of months and previously owned and operated his own printing business. He is a Salt Lake City native and member of the American Association of Medical Society Executives. He was program chairman of the recent SUP National Encampment.

Buena Ventura Party

Del and Sarah Adams entertain the Buena Ventura SUP Chapter at a chicken dinner buffet Aug. 17 at their pioneer home in Layton. Upward of 50 guests attended. The Adams' have a model pioneer home, fully equipped with all pioneer furnishings, a most fascinating place. T. Mack Woolley, SUP executive secretary; Harold H. Jenson, national historian and Henry D. Call, national board, were speakers. Pres. Thomas V. Wall presided.

Dixie National Forest

Dixie National Forest (Washington County) encompasses the Pine Valley Mountains with extensions into Iron County and a large area of lower altitude northwest of Pine Valley to the Nevada boundary, including the watershed of Enterprise Reservoir. Much of this so-called forest are as covered with pinion and juniper or brushwood. The major part of this particular Dixie National Forest is in Washington County, Utah's "Dixie," so the name is appropriate for this forest.

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Shades of the Pioneer Silkworm Industry

100-Year Old Mulberry Tree Part Of An Era

*By Doug Palmer
In The Deseret News*

One of the few remaining mulberry trees believed to have been planted 100 years ago during the inception of the Utah silk industry has been cut down in Holladay.

It was located on property owned by Mr. and Mrs. Don K. Archer, 1849 East 45th South.

A currant bush which produced edible berries each year was growing out of the trunk of the tree.

"We hated to cut the tree down because it gave such good solid shade," Mrs. Archer said. A fence is to be erected where the tree was located.

The Archers purchased the property in 1938 to construct a home because it was the only lot with a tree. But during the last few years sections of the large tree have been dying.

An elderly resident told the Archers that the tree was one of several planted for the silk industry. Other mulberry trees were located in the vicinity, but few are left. Silk worms feed on mulberry tree leaves.

Started In 1968

The silk industry had its beginning in Utah in 1868 when Octave Ursenbach, a native of Geneva, Switzerland, established a cocoonery in the 16th Ward area of Salt Lake City. He imported silk worm eggs from France.

President Brigham Young became interested in Mr. Ursenbach's project and urged Church members to raise mulberry trees. He also set up a large cocoonery at his Forest Farm (now Forest Dale), located near the area of the Forest Dale Ward Chapel, 739 Ashton Ave. (2335 South). His farm home, now being remodeled, is located at 732 Ashton.

Twenty or 30 acres of mulberry trees were planted around the home and Zina D. Young was in charge of the cocoonery. Only a few of the trees are left in the Fairmont area. In 1875 work at the forest farm cocoonery was directed by Dr. and Mrs. John L. Dunyon.

In City Creek Canyon

In the "Encyclopedic History of the LDS Church," Andrew Jensen wrote that the Dunyons achieved "unlooked for success." In January, 1880 the Utah



Kim Archer

... finishes off 100-year old tree

Silk Association was organized and the company purchased machinery for winding, doubling, dyeing and skeining silk in a brick building erected by the company at the mouth of City Creek canyon.

Mr. Jensen notes that cocoons were sent in from all parts of the territory. "Cocoons sent by ZCMI to the Nonotuck Silk Co. of Florence, Mass., were reported by them to be the 'best samples of American cocoons ever tested'."

"Silk exhibits of home manufacture formed an important part of every territorial and state fair for a number of years, and silk articles from Utah formed a part of Utah's exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. Still, seri-culture in Utah can never be said to have passed the experimental stage," Mr. Jensen wrote.

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Six Generations In This Family

Juanita Rendon Of Grantsville, 106' 361 Descendents, Receives Necklace

By Harold H. Jenson
National Historian, SUP

President Joseph F. Smith once said, "My greatest fortune is my family!"

Mrs. Juanita Cisneros Rivera Rendon, 106, Utah's oldest woman, can re-echo this statement loud and clear. She has 361 descendants. Mrs. Rendon lives with her daughter at 293 South Center Street in Grantsville, Utah.

This was also the home town of Mrs. Hilda Anderson Erickson, Utah's last surviving pioneer, who died a few months ago, at the age of 108. Grantsville must be a wonderful climate for old ladies. Incidentally one of her daughters is now 91.

Your historian, with C. Lamont Felt, former president of the Salt Lake SUP Luncheon Club, visited this amazing woman and found her washing the dishes. She is very active with home work and household hobbies.

Mr. Felt presented Mrs. Rendon with a silver-dollar necklace, the dollar dated the nearest year to her birthdate.

Family Snap Shot

In the picture taken by your reporter, are shown six generations of the Rendon family. At top is shown Mr. Felt making the necklace presentation. Below they are shown with what members of the family that happened to be around at the time. Mrs. Rendon is very proud of her family, especially that there are six generations of children represented.

In the group photo Mr. Felt is shown holding the youngest member Karlo Ortego, 2, great, great, great grandchild. Next are Debbie Quijano, 2; Robert Medrano, 14; Albert Ortego, 11. Second row: Anthony Aitleono 11, Eddie Quijano 6. Third row: Gloria Quijano 6, Great, great, great grandmother Rendon, Mrs. Andrew Ortego. Back row: Andrea Ortego, son-in-



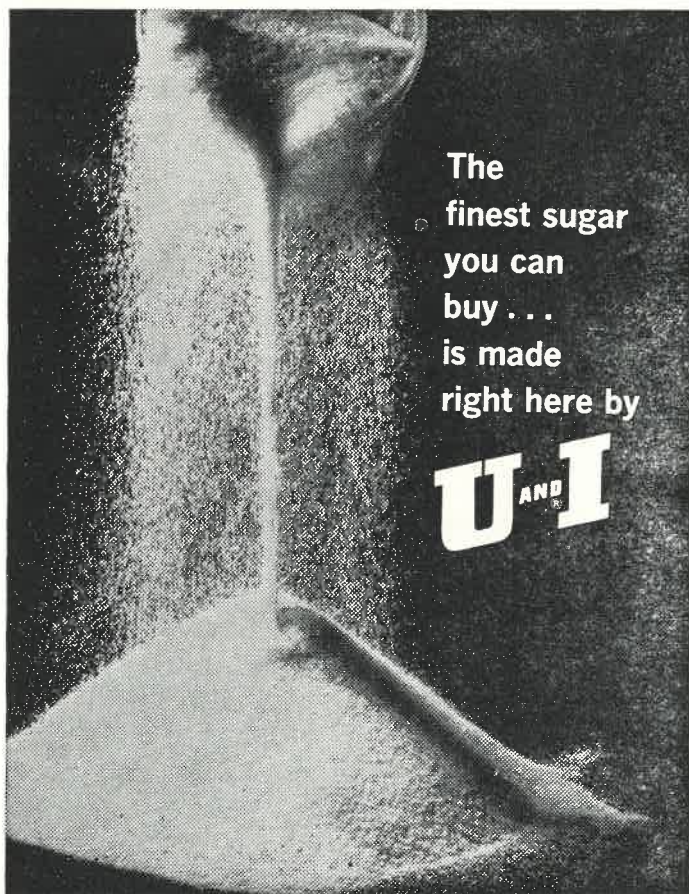
... Lady of 106 honored
Juanita Rendon and
C. Lamont Felt

law; and Bernard Ortego, 16.

A "Great" Occasion

Grandmother Rendon made it to the Old Folks Day outing on June 19 at Liberty Park on her own power, escorted by a daughter and six great, great, great grandchildren, a rather great occasion. Mrs. Rendon speaks little English; Mrs. Andre Ortego with whom she lives is an excellent interpreter.

She was born May 13, 1862 at Costilla, New Mexico, daughter of Antonio and Ciosionita Vallejoa Cisneros. She married Francisco Rivera and they were parents of six sons and 10 daughters. Mr. Rivera died in 1924. In 1928 she married Nabor Rendon and they moved to Grantsville that same year. Mr. Rendon died in 1956.



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Historical Highlights

By Harold H. Jenson
National Historian, SUP

The era of the steam engine is passed and gone but the memory lingers on. In Tooele City Park is an old engine that date back to the days of Saltair when the trains made history hauling happy pleasure seekers to the



“Eighth Wonder of the World,” as this rendezvous of entertainment was called around the Great Salt Lake. Plans to bring back to life this majestic building have been temporarily delayed.

It is hoped that by the time the Centennial of Transportation comes around May 10, 1969, a steam engine will be revived and reconditioned to haul passengers out to the “Grand Old Lady of The Lake.”

Many residents of Tooele will recall the hey-day of Saltair, for this was the nearest place for big-scale parties for Tooeleans those days.

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Nephi L. Morris, former president of the Sons of the Utah Pioneers deserves credit for the idea of the memorable Centennial Trek of 1947, enacted to trace the footsteps of our pioneer forebears.

Richard L. Wooten, then secretary, suggested converting automobiles into “covered wagons” but the real credit for the successful management and direction of the trip must go to Wendell J. Ashton, who succeeded this reporter as national president.

To the late T. O. Johnson, then head of the Ogden SUP Chapter and Joel Richards, at that time president of the Salt Lake Luncheon Club Chapter, goes the credit

of launching Salt Lake and Ogden Days of '47 Queens competitions and crownings. At the encampment at Lagoon the newspapers of both cities placed all six girls' pictures on their front pages. The suggestion was made then that the official Utah parade alternate in the two cities for mornings and afternoons of July 24, but the idea died of lonesomeness.

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Only six brief histories of SUP chapters have been published in the Pioneer Magazine for two reasons: those that have been sent in are much too long for a 3-column, 27-inch page publication and were sent back for briefing, and several chapters do not have historians, so the work has never been done. Why not get somebody in your chapter to put together these brief histories? Clipped from the magazine, they make excellent scrapbook material.

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The writer's “Brief History Of The Mormon Battalion” is on file in the Church Historian's Office. Assistant Historian Earl E. Olson can get it for you. Col. Marvin Smith and Col. Earl Hansen also have copies. The piece should be brought up to date as the good old M.B. has been doing some big things the past year or two.

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In recent months this reporter has visited many chapters and has been profoundly impressed with the spirit of friendliness and fraternity that exists among the members. The groups, we note, need more activity and more concentrated campaigns for new and younger members. SUP membership is a bargain, what with receiving our fine magazine, alone worth the total cost of membership, not to mention special privileges at Pioneer Village, the Corinne Railroad Museum and the wonderful dinners and parties the chapters put on the year around. Let's get out and bolster our membership, NOW!

Buena Ventura Holds Annual Strawberry Fete

Delightful and entertaining as always, the Buena Ventura SUP Chapter's annual Strawberry Party was enjoyed by a record number of members and guests in the Davis Bank Community Hall, June 30.

Chapter members Henry D. Call and Joseph Johnson and their wives prepared and served a sumptuous repast, an extravagant menu topped by bowls of fresh strawberries with plenty of cream and sugar with hot home-made bread and butter.

One hundred per cent of the membership of this chapter was present, in addition to a number of guests, two of whom signed membership applications.

The National Board of the SUP was represented by Pres. Francis L. Christensen of Brigham City, with Mrs. Christensen; Treasurer and Mrs. Lorenzo B. Summerhays, Director Henry D. Call and Mrs. Call; and Executive Secretary T. Mack Woolley and Mrs. Woolley. Each member of the National Board spoke briefly.

Music was provided by “Slim Adams of Fiddler's Creek” on his violin and Ralph Rampton on the piano, featuring old-time songs and dance tunes.

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UTAH'S SECOND OLDEST LIVING MARRIED COUPLE: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Biggs of Draper, who have been married 71 years, were guests of honor at Old Folks Day at Liberty Park, June 19. C. Lamont Felt, former president of the Salt Lake SUP Luncheon Club, presented each with a silver-dollar necklace, the coin dated nearest to the ages of each. He is 92 and she is 89.

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Brick Floor Of Nauvoo Temple Basement Found

Researchers have unearthed a section of the basement floor of the Nauvoo Temple, finding it to be made up of extra large red bricks, thereby solving a problem that has intrigued church historians and builders for upward of a century.

The paving was discovered by archeologists of Nauvoo Restorations, Inc., directly east of the original well. The area unearthed is about seven feet square. The bricks were laid in a diagonal herringbone pattern. Part of the section had been disturbed by the fall of stones from the temple wall. The bricks uncovered have lain there 122 years.

This is the first spot on which the brick pavement has been found, although archaeologists have been operating in that area for several years. The original floor level of the basement has been identified for some time.

Evidence was already at hand that the Nauvoo Temple floor was made of brick, beginning with the diary of William Mendenhall, a brick mason who recorded that he had laid brick in the temple basement from March 20 to April 4, 1865.

Other mention of the brick floor of the basement have been found in diaries, manuscripts and letters.

The problem was compounded when two 1846 writers referred to the dirt floor of the temple basement, perhaps before the bricks were laid. Up until now, archaeological explorators have shown no sign of anything but a sandy or earthen floor.

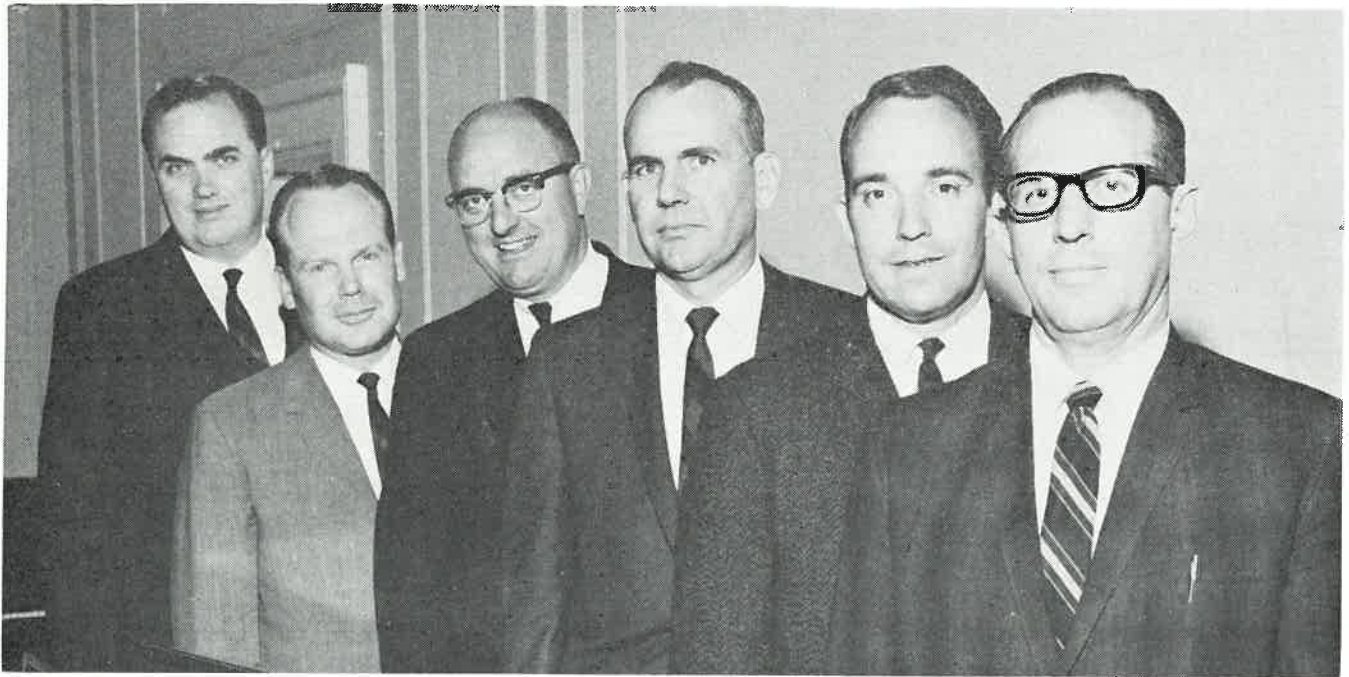
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The Salt Lake City Pioneer Chapter, Sons of the Utah Pioneers, have elected the following officers for the coming year: Shown left to right — Richard W. Young, president; Orson D. Wright, president-

elect; Darro H. Glissmeyer, vice president; Byron L. Turner, vice president; Glen A. Lloyd, secretary and Douglas A. Smith, treasurer.

Spike Centennial Commission Meets

The Golden Spike Centennial Commission, the Brigham City and Box Elder County Corporations, the Bear River Chamber of Commerce and the National Parks Service held ground breaking ceremonies for the new Visitors Center at Promontory Summit on Aug. 14. The event was sponsored by the Brigham City Corporation and the Brigham City Chamber of Commerce.

Following the ceremonies there was an informal reception and luncheon at the Rees Pioneer Park Bowery.

Salt Lake City SUP officials who attended included Horace A. Sorensen, and Hoyt Brewster. Present also was Francis A. Christensen, national president of the Sons of Utah Pioneers.

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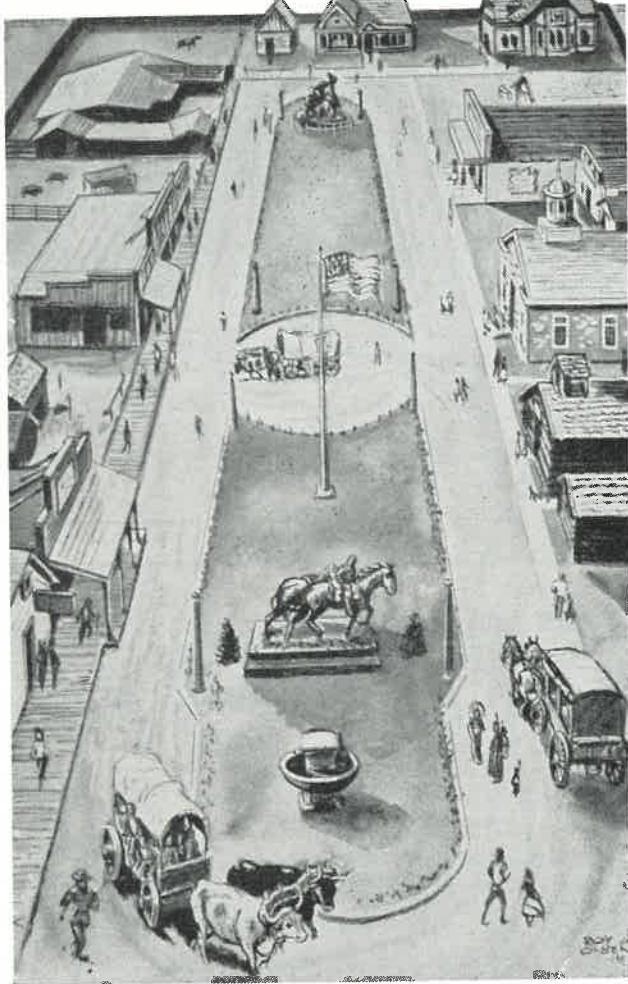
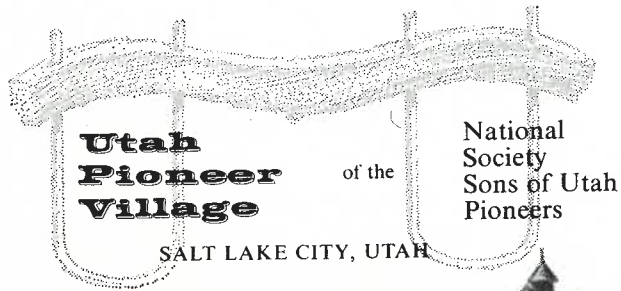
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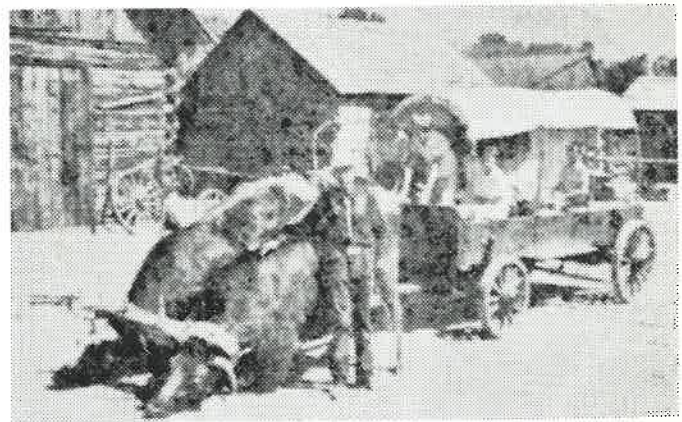
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